



## **Staff Report**

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### **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON POSTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR STREET SWEEPING**

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary:**

City Council requested staff to investigate the installation of “No Parking, Street Sweeping” signs to facilitate street sweeping throughout the City.

#### **Background:**

City Council raised concerns that there are a number of streets that the residents park on-street on street sweeping days. This makes it difficult for the street sweeper to pick up leaves and debris in the gutters.

The City is broken into 10 areas for street sweeping. The size of an area is based upon the area one sweeper operator can sweep in a day and haul all of the material to the Shoreway transfer station. It should be noted, that a sweeper may need to go to the Shoreway transfer station several times a day depending upon the amount of material that is collected. In addition, the sweeper needs to refill its CNG tanks at least once during a typical day.

Each street sweeping area is swept at least once every two weeks. Our heavily traveled arterials and collector streets are swept several times a week to keep the amount of material on the street to a minimum. During the peak times, usually after the first major rainstorms, the City will operate two street sweepers. The existing street sweeper schedule is posted on the City’s website on the Public Works homepage.

The number of complaints regarding street sweeping has dramatically been reduced since we have a new sweeper operator. Our new operator makes a conscious effort to sweep driveway approaches even when there are vehicles parked on either side of the driveway. In addition, if a resident comes out and moves their vehicle when they hear the sweeper traveling down the street, our new operator will come back and sweep the area even though he has already traveled past a particular address.

**Discussion:**

City staff has estimated that the City streets with “No Parking, Street Sweeping” will require the installation of approximately 3700 signs. The estimated material costs for the signs are estimated to be \$200,000. It is estimated that it will take a two-person crew one year to install the signs at a cost of \$180,000. There will also be a need to add staff for the on-going maintenance of the signs. The additional staff will have an annual cost of \$87,000.

There will be an expectation that the City will enforce the street sweeping restrictions should they be posted. There will be additional costs associated with enforcing the street sweeping restrictions. It is estimated that one additional Community Service Officer will be needed to enforce the parking restrictions. The annual estimated cost for the increase in personnel is \$73,000. An additional parking enforcement vehicle will also be required at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The posting of street sweeping time restrictions may also create some operational problems as well. It does not take into consideration the potential for a street sweeper operator being sick or any delays in sweeping a particular neighborhood. There is a real potential for a significant increase in the number of complaints associated with the overall street sweeping program and the enforcement of parking restrictions.

It should be noted that staff has not received one request in the last six years to post street sweeping parking restrictions along a street. Staff is willing to work with any resident if they believe that parking is a problem in their neighborhood and that their streets are not being swept. Residents may petition the City for street sweeping parking restrictions as they may for any other parking restriction request. The requests are reviewed by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee and any recommended installations are forwarded to the Council for their approval.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is a significant fiscal impact to the City as a result of any city-wide installation of street sweeping signs with no identified funding source. A city-wide program is estimated to cost \$380,000 for the purchase of materials, the fabrication and installation of the signs. There will be an additional annual cost of \$160,000 for the enforcement of the parking restrictions and the on-going maintenance of the signs. There will also be a one time cost of \$30,000 for one additional parking enforcement vehicle.

**Public Contact:**

Public contact consists posting the City Council agenda.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Council discuss and provide direction on the implementation of a city-wide program to install “No Parking, Street Sweeping” restrictions.

**Alternatives:**

1. Keep current practice of processing requests through the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee.
2. Refer back to staff for further information or other options.

**Attachments:**

A. No Attachments

Respectfully submitted,

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